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The relevance of prior art reference no. 4 is discussed on page 2 of the English translation of the International Application as filed.

The prior art references Nos. 5-8 are additional references that Applicants submit herewith.

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Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed references be made of record in the subject application.

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